

It's Barnacle Bill from over the sea
Said, Barnacle Bill the sailor.
I'm all lit up like a Christmas Tree
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BELMONT XMAS CONCERT PARTY 1944

THE FAMILY ALBUM

SKIT

I had nothing to do last Sunday evening, and Granma she was knitting double time on the socks, when digging around the book case for something to read, I found that heavy plush book referred to in the good old days as:-- The Family Album. I have it with me, and I just wanted to show you some of the pictures. You might have heard of some of my relatives, but believe me I sure would like to have seen them is those days.

1. First of all there was my grandma's wedding picture. Grandpa sitting like he owned the world and grandma standing regally by with her hand on his shoulder. It was his whiskers intrigued us, altho some of the sailor hats who have returned lately have often looked just like him with their fancy arrangements. Grandma's cute little high collar and tiny tucks sure took plenty time and thought to turn out her trousseau.

MUSIC:--WEDDING MARCH

2. Cousin Belle & John, were a dashing young couple and she looked so sweet in that little grey bonnett. Ah here's the picture of it that I loved. No wonder that song about the grey bonnett was sung everywhere. Like to see it?

MUSIC:--OLD GREY BONNETT

Those were the days when they took on motoring as a major sport. I love the picture of Aunt Hattie and Uncle Joe--ah here they are. That lovely veil and hat. Those dusters.

MUSIC:--MERRY OLDSMOBILE

Uncle Joe and Aunt Hattie had the cutest little girl, she was popular from the time she was in school. She grew to be a great writer, but her first famous line was on a slate. "I love you Joe" Just look!

MUSIC:--SCHOOL DAYS

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I want you to meet one of my favourites Sailor Bill--possibly later known as "Barnacle Bill the Sailor" Isn't he grand!

MUSIC WHOSE THAT KNOCKING AT MY DOOR!

I like the pictures of the choir singers. Some they say had really grand voices, and some just joined the choir because the organist was single. Like to see them?

If only they'd sing! Maybe they will.

MUSIC:--CHURCH IN THE WILDWOOD.

I had always heard of Grandma's Billy courting Nancy Grey. She really put him through a regular Quiz programme-- and they sure answered the \$64.00 questions.

Here's a picture of it all.

MUSIC:--BILLY BOY.

Here's another gal everyone knew Cousin Katie. She often loved to tell about her proposal. It was this way.

THE PROPOSAL:--RECITATION.

Good soldiers never die, it has always been said, and our picture of Col. George in his dashing days still blisters with courage and inspiration.

MUSIC:--SOMETHING ABOUT A SOLDIER

The only new pictures in this album are a couple of loose ones tucked away. I see a funny one of my sister Nell taken, nearly twenty years ago when she was a bridesmaid around Xmas time. They were wearing white moire and the up in the front, and down at the back skirt. I loved her dress, the skirt was lined with red and she carried pointsettias, looking more like the spirit of Xmas. Red and White--lovely Xmas colouring.

MUSIC:--WHITE XMAS.

The other picture was one which must have been thrown in at that time. Everyone knows this genial soul. Xmas personified-- Chris Pringle. Father Xmas, St. Nicholas--Santa Claus. He never changed. We all love him. Here he is--always the same year after year. That same Christmas Spirit.

MUSIC--JINGLE BELLS

Santa Claus---Ha Ha Ho Ho Everyone--You don't think I would forget you this year do you? I have just the thing you have been looking for:--

Merry Xmas to all from Belmont---and everywhere

(Gives out candy bags to all) ,

BELMONT XMAS CONCERT PARTY.

Dec. 15, 1944.

1. Wedding Picture. Wedding March.
 Grandma.....Irene Smith.
 Grandpa.....Julie Francis.
2. Old Grey Bonnett. Music Old Grey Bonnett
 Cousin Belle...Elma Loch.
 Cousin John....Jean Carr
3. Motoring. Merry Oldsmobile.
 Aunt Hattie.....Olive Bowker.
 Uncle Joe.....Lil Whitacker.
4. School Days. Music School Days.
 Teacher.....Anne Cole.
 Boy.....Phyllis Delaney
 Girl.....~~Bernice Forsyth~~ Catherine Frost.
5. Whose that knocking at my door.
 5. Sailor. Sailor.....Mable Nicholson.
6. The Choir. Church in the Wildwood.
 Singers.....Helen McBean
 Peggy Phelps.
 Bernice Forsyth.
7. Billy Boy. Music Billy Boy.
 Mother.....RUBY TUCK.
 Billy Boy.....Helen Clark.
8. The Proposal.
 Recitation.....Daisy Smith.
9. The Soldier. There is Something about a sold-
ier.
 Soldier.....Anne Mc Coll.
10. The Xmas Bridesmaid. Why am I always a Bridesmaid.
 Bridesmaid....Bertha Denman.
11. Santa Claus. Jingle Bells
 Santa.....June Plester.
 Continuity....Daisy Smith.

 Refreshments served by the Councillors.

THE KING.

1. PUT ON YOUR OLD GRAY BERNET

Put on your old gray bernet
With the blue ribbon on it,
While I hitch old Dobbin to
the shay;
And through the fields of
clover
We'll drive up to Dover
On our golden wedding day.

2. THERE'S A CHURCH IN THE VALLEY
IN THE WILDWOOD

There's a church in the valley
in the wildwood,
No lovelier spot in the dale,
No place is so dear to my
childhood,
As the little brown church in
the vale.

CHORUS

Oh, come to the church in the
wildwood,
Oh, come to the church in the
vale,
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Oh come to the church in the
wildwood,
To the trees where the wild
flowers bloom,
Where the parting hymn will be
chantied,
We will weep by the side of the
tomb.

How sweet on a clear Sabbath morning
To list to the clear ringing bell
Its tones so sweetly are calling
Oh, come to the church in the vale.

3. BILLY BOY

Where have ye been all the
day, Billy Boy, Billy Boy?
Where have ye been all the
day, my Billy Boy?
I've been walkin' all the day
With me charmin' Nancy Grey,
An me Nancy kittled me fancy,
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Can she make an Irish stew,
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Can she make an Irish stew,
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She can make an Irish stew,
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4. JINGLE BELLS

Dashing thro' the snow in a
one-horse open sleigh,
O'er the fields we go
laughin' all the way.
Bells on bobtail ring,
making spirit bright,
What fun it is to ride and
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A sleighing song tonight.

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